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Office Action Summary

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Abdul Basit

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tarter et al. (US Pat. No. 5,704,044)

Regarding claim 1:

Tarter teaches a method of:

- receiving purchase order data of a customer;
- calculating an account receivable of the purchase order according to the received purchase order data;
- retrieving credit limit data of the customer from a database server; comparing the account receivable of the purchase order with a credit limit;
- notifying a relevant officer to refuse the purchase order when the account receivable of the purchase order exceeds the credit limit; and
- notifying a relevant officer to accept the purchase order when the account receivable of the purchase order does not exceed the credit limit, and
- subtracting the sum of the account receivable of the purchase order from the credit limit in the database server.

(For all, see column 9, lines 55-67).

Regarding claim 2:

Tarter teaches receiving payment data of the customer; and adding a sum of a payment of the customer to the credit limit in the database server. (see column 9, lines 55-67).

• ***Regarding claim 3:***

Tarter teaches adding the sum of the payment to the credit limit in the database server by

- retrieving accounts receivable data on the customer from the database server;
- balancing accounts receivable of the customer according to the payment data; and increasing the credit limit according to the balanced accounts receivable. (see column 9, lines 55-67).

Regarding claim 4:

Tarter further teaches setting a plurality of credit ratings, each of the credit ratings corresponding to a particular credit limit. (see column 12, lines 28-35).

Regarding claim 5:

Tarter teaches selecting a credit rating for the customer. (see column 12, lines 28-35).

Regarding claim 6:

Tarter teaches a method of:

- setting a plurality of credit ratings, each of the credit ratings corresponding to a particular credit limit;
- selecting a credit rating for each of customers, corresponding credit rating data being stored in a database server;
- receiving purchase order data of a particular customer;

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- calculating an account receivable of the purchase order according to the received purchase order data;
- retrieving credit limit data of the customer from the database server;
- comparing the account receivable of the purchase order with a credit limit of the customer;
- notifying a relevant officer to refuse the purchase order when the account receivable of the purchase order exceeds the credit limit;
- notifying a relevant officer to accept the purchase order when the account receivable of the purchase order does not exceed the credit limit, and subtracting the sum of the account receivable of the purchase order from the credit limit in the database server;
- receiving payment data of the customer; and
adding a sum of a payment of the customer to the credit limit in the database server.

(For all, see column 9, lines 55-67 and column 12, lines 28-35).

Regarding claim 7:

Tarter further teaches the step of adding the sum of the payment to the credit limit in the database server that includes:

- retrieving accounts receivable data on the customer from the database server;
- balancing accounts receivable of the customer according to the payment data;
- and increasing the credit limit according to the balanced accounts receivable.

(For all, see column 9, lines 55-67 and column 12, lines 28-35).

Regarding claim 8:

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Tarter teaches a process of updating a bad account provision, comprising steps of:

- retrieving accounts receivable data;
- confirming types of accounts receivable wherein said types have different bad account provision rates;
- confirming ages of the accounts receivable wherein the account receivable having longer overdue time has a higher bad account provision rate;
- automatically selecting different account provision rates for said accounts receivable based upon both said types and said ages; and
- calculating a current bad account provision based upon the accounts receivable and the corresponding bad account provision rates.

(For all, see column 9, lines 55-67 and column 12, lines 28-35).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Abdul Basit whose telephone number is 571 272-7246.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 571 272 6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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